examine the issue of curriculum load. The group is preparing a discussion paper and the same will be placed for a national debate. Earlier the recommendations on this issue were considered by the Government and sent to NCERT and other State Governments.

Exemptions to STs in UPSC

1776. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any concrete steps for examption of MIL subjects in respect of ST (Hills) candidates of Assam in the UPSC examinations, as requested in written by the North Cachar Hills and Karbi Anlong Autonomous council; and

(b) if so, by when it it likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) and (b) The Government of India has decided not to allow any exemption to the candidates hailing from Assam North Cachar Hills and Karbi Anlong. The Tribal distrticts of Assam from appearing in the compulsory Indian Languauge paper in the Civil Service Examination. A Cadidate or the Civil Services Examination has to qualify in one of the Languages which find a place in the Eighth schedule of the Constitution of India. Since Assamese, which is the administrative language of Assam has been in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution since its inception and is widely spoken by majority of the people of Assam, the candidates hailing from Asaam, have not been granted any exemption from appearing in the compulsory Indian language paper.

Transfer benefits to Employees of Kendriya Vidyalayas

1777. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that employees of Kendriya Vidyalayas are entitled to transfer benefits even if transferred on request, provided that they have stayed for five or more years at the place sought transfer from;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that teachers who perform duty during Autumn and Winter Breaks are entitled to earned leave; and

(c) if so, the reasons for refusal of the same by Assistant Commissioner of Bhopal Region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) The employess of Kendriya Vidyalayas are entitled for transfer benefits even on request transfer provided they have put in a minimum of five years stay at a particular Vidyalaya/ station on the date of issue of transfer orders.

(b) Teachers who perform duties on the orders of the competent authority during breaks (Autumn and winter) are entitled to Earned Leave at the rate of 3/5 of the period of duty provide the period of duty performed is not less than 10 days.

(c) KVS have informed that no case covered under (a) and (b) has been refused.

Transfer, Recruitment and Promotion Policy of Navodaya Vidyalayas

1778. SHRI JALAUDIN ANSARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the saelient features of transfer, recruitment and promotion policy governing teaching and non-teaching staff of Navodaya Vidyalayas;

(b) whether Government propose to set-up Navodaya Vidyalayas in the districts which have since been bifurcated of late; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) As per the transfer policy of Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti the staff of the Navodaya Vidyalayas have to complete a minimum tenure of five years in their initial place of posting before seeking request transfer to their choice places. Second request transfer is also made available to all after completion of five years tenure from the date of first request transfer. Rotational transfers are applicable in cases of 3rd language/Regional language